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CHIEF EXAMINER

The following are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being indefinite:
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or lacks distinctiveness and distinctly claim the subject matter set forth in the claims.

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DATE MAILED: 05/18/94

This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application that no digital signals are synchronously related.

- This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 29-94 This action is made final.

ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See 37 C.F.R. 1.700(b)(a). Applicant is reminded of the shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 months, days from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133 extension of time policy is set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a).

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. 6. ATTACHMENT TO THIS FINAL

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION
IN THE PRACTICE OF THE INVENTION

1. Claims 1-15, 21-27, 34-39 are pending in the application.
MAILED ON 11-15-94. AFTER THE END OF THE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT
STATUTORY. THE ABOVE CLAIMS, DUE TO THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSIDERATION.
ON THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, THE PENDING CLAIMS ARE CANCELLED. AN EXTENSION FEE
2. Claims 16-20, 28-33 FOR THE PENDING CLAIMS ARE CANCELLED FROM THE MAILS.
3. Claims 13-14-39 AS THEY STAND AT THE DATE OF THIS LETTER WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD
FOR REJECTION BE CALCULATED FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.
4. Claims 10-15 ARE REJECTED.
5. Claims _____ ARE REJECTED AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER THE REFERENCE DRAWINGS. NO REJECTIONS TO THESE CLAIMS ARE OBJECTED TO.
6. Claims _____ ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT.
7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
W. Ch. 9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings
are acceptable. not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been approved by the
examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation).
12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received
 been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____
13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in
accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

Art Unit: 2603

1. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, last paragraph, it is unclear what the digital signals are "synchronously related" to.

2. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wellington Chin whose telephone number is (703) 305-4366.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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